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*This Farm Reporter contains the results from the following surveys. Thanks for your help!*

Milk Production Report  
Monthly Cold Storage Report  
March Prices Received

### March Milk Production

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Pro- duction % chnge 2011/10
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,260	1,266	1,770	1,785	2,230	2,260	+1
CA	1,758	1,759	1,980	2,040	3,481	3,588	+3
ID	554	575	1,880	1,880	1,042	1,081	+4
MI	357	362	1,990	1,975	710	715	+1
MN	470	471	1,675	1,645	787	775	-2
NM	321	325	2,105	2,150	676	699	+3
NY	610	610	1,755	1,810	1,071	1,104	+3
PA	541	543	1,730	1,710	936	929	-1
TX	410	426	1,890	1,945	775	829	+7
23-state total	8,329	8,422	1,848	1,872	15,389	15,763	+2

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

## March Milk Production

In March 2011 Wisconsin milk production rose 1 percent, to 2.26 billion pounds. Milk per cow averaged 1,785 pounds, 15 pounds more than last year. There were 1.27 million milk cows in the state during March. This was the same as the previous month and 6,000 more than last March. As of April 1, 2011 Wisconsin had 12,259 licensed milk cow herds, down 83 from the previous month and down 577 from April 1, 2010.

Total milk production in the 23 major states was 15.8 billion pounds in March. This was an increase of 2 percent from the previous year. Production per cow rose to 1,872 pounds, 24 pounds more than last March. The number of milk cows in the major states totaled 8.42 million head, up 17,000 from last month and up 93,000 from this time last year.

Seventeen states had higher milk production when compared with last March, five states had lower production, and one state, Utah, had no change in production. Bolstered by 16,000 more milk cows than last year and a 3 percent rise in milk per cow, milk production in Texas jumped up 7 percent. Idaho's milk per cow remained the same as last year, but a 21,000 head increase in milk cows led to a 4 percent gain in production.

Milk production in California, New Mexico, and New York all grew by 3 percent, while production in Wisconsin and Michigan increased 1 percent. Minnesota and Pennsylvania had lower production when compared with last March, by 2 percent and 1 percent, respectively.

### Marketings, Income, and Value of Milk Production: Wisconsin, 2006-2010

Year	Combined marketings of milk and cream				Used for milk, cream, and butter by producers		Gross producer income 1/	Value of milk produced 2/ 3/
	Milk Utilized	Average returns		Cash receipts from marketings	Milk Utilized	Value		
		Per cwt. milk	Per lb. milkfat					
	Million lbs.	Dollars		1,000 dollars	Million lbs.	1,000 dollars		
2006	23,125	13.30	3.58	3,075,625	20	2,660	3,078,285	3,111,934
2007	23,805	19.30	5.22	4,594,365	20	3,860	4,598,225	4,647,440
2008	24,188	18.90	5.08	4,571,532	20	3,780	4,575,312	4,625,208
2009	24,967	13.10	3.54	3,270,677	20	2,620	3,273,297	3,306,309
2010	25,759	16.10	4.41	4,147,199	20	3,220	4,150,419	4,191,635

1/Cash receipts from marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption. 2/Includes value of milk fed to calves. 3/Value at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

## April Milk Prices

Wisconsin's April milk price is expected to average \$19.10 per hundredweight (cwt.). This price is \$1.90 lower than March's price of \$21.00 per cwt. but \$4.60 higher than April 2010.

The expected U.S. milk price for April is \$19.70 per cwt. This is down 70 cents from March and is 60 cents higher than Wisconsin's price. Sixteen of the major milk producing states are predicting a price decrease from March to April, 3 are expecting an increase, and 4 are anticipating no change. California and Idaho are predicted to have the lowest prices in the nation, at \$18.30 and \$17.00 per cwt., respectively.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.6125 per pound on April 29, while barrels were \$1.6025 per pound. The CME butter price was \$2.0750 per pound.

For the week ending April 23, 2011 the National Agricultural Statistics Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.6202 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.6222 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.9878 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for April is \$16.87 per cwt.



## Milk Prices 1/

Selected states	March 2010		March 2011		April 2011	
	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	14.70	3.67	21.00	3.74	19.10	3.70
CA	13.16	3.68	18.62	3.72	18.30	3.67
ID	13.10	3.64	18.70	3.73	17.00	3.69
MI	15.70	3.59	21.10	3.70	21.10	3.65
MN	14.60	3.71	20.90	3.77	19.10	3.73
NM	14.50	3.56	20.30	3.63	20.00	3.55
NY	16.10	3.73	21.30	3.79	21.10	3.75
PA	17.00	3.70	22.00	3.80	22.00	3.75
TX	15.80	3.75	21.60	3.82	21.20	3.76
US	14.80	3.67	20.40	3.74	19.70	3.70

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

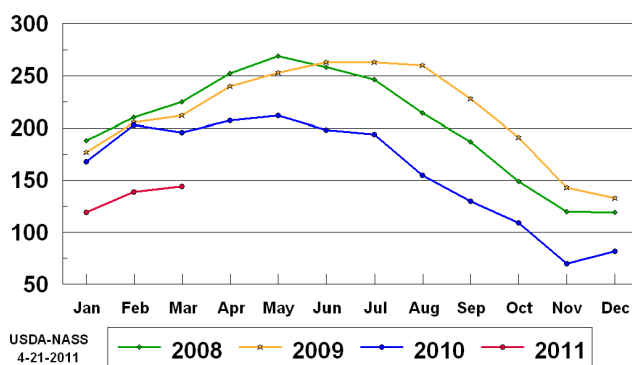
## Cold Storage Stocks, United States

Commodity	March 31, 2010	February 28, 2011	March 31, 2011	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
CHEESE				
American	602,077	620,288	614,099	+2
Swiss	26,950	34,611	32,266	+20
Other natural	375,736	379,678	386,878	+3
Total	1,004,763	1,034,577	1,033,243	+3
BUTTER	195,888	138,672	144,439	-26
FROZEN				
Beef	384,596	459,833	448,828	+17
Pork	513,066	574,236	577,198	+12
Chicken	616,158	716,405	695,802	+13
Turkey	379,720	288,976	331,063	-13

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

## Butter - United States Cold Storage Stocks, 2008-2011

Million Pounds



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## Commercial Red Meat Production Reaches Record High in March

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.35 billion pounds in March, up 2 percent from the 4.28 billion pounds produced in March 2010.

Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, up 2 percent from March 2010. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,276 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.1 million pounds, 1 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,900 head, down 9 percent from March 2010. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 283 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.05 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.87 million head, down 2 percent from March 2010. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.1 million pounds, was down 20 percent from March 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,900 head, 26 percent below last year. The average live weight was 146 pounds, up 11 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2011 commercial red meat production was 12.2 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 16 percent.

March 2010 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. March 2011 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

### Commercial Red Meat Production, United States 1/

Type	Mar. 2010	Feb. 2011	Mar. 2011	Jan - Mar. 2/		Change from last year
				2010	2011	
	Million pounds					Percent
Beef	2,211	2,021	2,266	6,248	6,411	+3
Veal	12	11	12	35	33	-3
Pork	2,040	1,769	2,055	5,607	5,720	+2
Lamb & mutton	18	11	14	43	36	-16
Total red meat 3/	4,281	3,811	4,347	11,933	12,200	+2

1/Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

### Commercial Slaughter 1/, March 2011

Species	Wisconsin	Change from last year	U. S.	Change from last year
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	151.8	+1	2,959.2	+2
Calves	9.8	+11	72.9	-9
Hogs, all	48.8	+4	9,873.0	-2
Sheep and lambs	0.5	-55	193.9	-26

1/Excludes farm slaughter. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

## Livestock Slaughter - 2010

Total red meat production for the United States totaled 49.2 billion pounds in 2010, slightly lower than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 49.0 billion pounds. On-farm slaughter totaled 144 million pounds.

There were 841 plants slaughtering under federal inspection on January 1, 2011 compared with 834 last year.

### Commercial Slaughter 1/, 2010

Species	Wisconsin	Change from 2009	U.S.	Change from 2009
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	1744.4	+4	34,249.0	+3
Calves	95.3	2/	878.6	-7
Hogs, all	516.2	-2	110,259.8	-3
Sheep and lambs	10.9	+8	2,457.5	-2

1/Excludes farm slaughter. 2/Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

## Prices Received by Farmers

Prices in Wisconsin for corn and soybeans were expected to increase from March to April 2011, while prices for milk and oats were expected to decrease during the same period. Prices for potatoes, alfalfa hay, and other hay are expected to remain at the same level as in March.

Corn in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$6.43 per bushel in mid-April. This was 81 cents more than the previous month's price and \$3.06 more than the price in April 2010. Nationwide corn prices averaged \$6.40 per bushel in mid-April.

The average price for Wisconsin soybeans was \$12.50 per bushel in mid-April, 50 cents more than March's price and \$2.95 more than the price in April 2010. Across the United States soybeans sold for an average of \$12.80 per bushel in mid-April.

Wisconsin oats averaged \$3.00 per bushel in mid-April, 18 cents less than in the previous month but 92 cents more than in April 2010. Nationally, mid-April oat prices averaged \$3.40 per bushel.

Alfalfa hay in Wisconsin sold for an average price of \$100.00 per ton as of mid-April, level with the previous month but \$15.00 less than in April 2010. The average price for other hay types was \$75.00 per ton in mid-April, unchanged from March but \$10.00 less than the price in April of last year.

## Prices Received

Commodity	Unit	Wisconsin			U.S.	
		April 2010	March 2011	Apr. 15, 2011	April 2010	Apr. 15, 2011
		Dollars			Dollars	
Milk, all	Cwt.	14.50	21.00	19.10	14.60	19.70
Corn	Bu.	3.37	5.62	6.43	3.41	6.40
Oats	Bu.	2.08	3.18	3.00	2.25	3.40
Soybeans	Bu.	9.55	12.00	12.50	9.47	12.80
Potatoes, all 1/ 2/	Cwt.	10.30	12.50	12.50	8.42	11.41
Fresh	Cwt.	5.15	12.80	-	7.25	-
Processing	Cwt.	12.50	12.30	-	9.06	-
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	115.00	100.00	100.00	112.00	155.00
Other hay, baled	Ton	85.00	75.00	75.00	96.70	103.00
Milk cows 3/	Head	1,450.00	-	1,560.00	1,330.00	1,420.00
Steers & heifers 4/	Cwt.	-	-	-	101.00	124.00
Cows 4/ 5/	Cwt.	-	-	-	57.50	79.80
Calves 4/	Cwt.	-	-	-	124.00	150.00
Hogs, all 4/	Cwt.	-	-	-	56.50	67.10
Wheat, all 4/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.41	8.18
Winter Wheat, all	Bu.	-	-	-	4.19	7.69
Barley, all 4/	Bu.	-	-	-	4.08	4.62
Dry Edible Beans 4/	Cwt.	-	-	-	30.60	31.10
Apples, fresh use 4/	Lb.	-	-	-	0.30	0.27

1/Entire month. 2/Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed, and livestock feed. 3/Milk cow prices are published quarterly for January, April, July, and October. 4/Monthly estimates for steers & heifers, beef cattle, calves, hogs, wheat, barley, dry edible beans, and apples are not published for Wisconsin. 5/Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

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